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WDD, ATTENTION FOLLOWING OFFICE SYMBOL

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13 January 1956

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SUBJECT: Transfer of Functional Responsibility for ARS Program

1. To insure effective, uninterrupted prosecution of the ARS Program, it is essential that the transfer of functional responsibility from the Weapons System Project Office, ARDC, to the Western Development Division be effected smoothly and at a time-period consistent with the workload of the program at the time of transfer. As presently envisioned the program, during the coming months, involves the following steps:

a. Redirection of the study contractors to require them to submit a development plan by 1 March 1956 in accordance with the requirements of the design study contract.

b. The evaluation of the design study contractors' work in the design study phase with a view toward preparation of a complete development plan by 1 April 1956, including recommendations concerning contractor or contractors to accomplish the program.

2. To accomplish the above activities, it is anticipated that an office will be established within WDD on or about 15 February 1956, initially manned for the most part by military personnel being transferred from RDZSGG. Action has been initiated to secure the assignment, on temporary duty, of the current WADC contracting officer to the Special Aircraft Project Office, AMC on 15 February 1956. Contingent on the successful transfer of the above personnel, it is contemplated that the official project address will become the Western Development Division on 15 February 1956.

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3. It is recognized that the tightest period in this transition is the month of March during which evaluation of the study contract reports must take place. It is anticipated that WDD personnel will be required to be placed on TDY to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for a portion of this time, and conversely some WPAFB personnel will be required to be placed on TDY to the WDD. During this period, it will be essential that the remaining current personnel of the Weapons System Project Office will be fully available throughout the evaluation process.

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4. As soon as possible after receipt of the development plans from the contractor on 1 March, the evaluation process will be completed and a letter of recommendation will be forwarded by General Estes to General Schriever, covering all phases of the program. It is contemplated that this will be the last formal requirement placed on the current Weapons System Office, and that subject office will be phased out at that time. It is recognized, however, that requirements may be placed from time to time on individuals having specialized knowledge in the prosecution of the program.

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